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REMARKS

Please note this is a duplicate filing of the Amendment filed on even date herewith. This duplicate filing is being made in case an incorrect/incomplete version of pages 7-8, covering the Remarks thereof, were submitted in the original version of this Amendment. A Petition for Extension of Time, covering the three (3) months extended time period, along with an authorized Credit Card Payment Form of that amount, was filed with the original version of this Amendment.

Acceptance/formal entry of this Amendment, which applicant submits, renders the application allowable, is respectfully requested. Supportive discussion follows.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 15-16, 18-21, and 23-25. Accordingly, it was decided, at this time, to cancel the rejected claims 1-2 and 4-13 in consideration of avoiding any further delay in connection with the receiving of a formal notification of allowance of the above-identified application.

As to the previously standing rejection of claims 1-2 and 4-13, under 35 USC § 103(a), it has now been rendered moot with the canceling thereof. The canceling of these claims should not be construed as acquiescence with regard to the merits of the rejection thereto. As stated above, these claims were canceled at this time for purposes of avoiding any further delay with regard to receiving an official notification of allowability regarding the already allowed claimed subject matter. It should be noted, also, that the canceling of claims 1-2 and 4-13 was made without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

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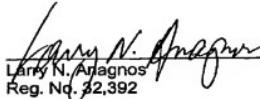
Incidentally, the amendment currently made to claim 18 was strictly to correct an obvious minor informality, i.e., the removal of the duplicate term "lens".

Therefore, having removed all previously standing issues, formal entry of this Amendment as well as allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Dep. Acct. No. 01-2135 (012.43208X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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